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TO : LINCOLN

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FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Chief, WHD;

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Activities of Radio Internacional and Other
Local Stations

REFERENCE: GUAT 396

1. Attached herewith is a copy of a report concerning activities of local radio stations as prepared for JMBLUG-5 by José ~~X~~ MONTEROS, the owner of Radio Internacional.
2. ESSENCE has been requested to ascertain the true needs of Radio Internacional, which is currently carrying anti-Communist university student programs, with a view toward our alleviating the situation of this station if such can be handled in an expeditious manner and without clearing showing our hand.
3. The question of possible aid to Radio Internacional has been discussed with NUTTING. We will report all further information as it is obtained.

Clara M. Heagey

Enclosure:
Report, as noted

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RADIO NEWS

RADIO NUEVO MUNDO.- Owner Humberto ~~X~~Gonzalez Juarez came back from the United States, bringing considerable equipment for his radio station. One tube no. 3X 2,500-F3, one socket for the same, 1 transformer 7.5 volts at 51 amps., 1 conector, 1 blower to cool the tube: 350 c.u. feet per minute, 1 neutralizing condenser.- This will increase his output in 20%.---His managers and directors at the station refused to sign a petition sent to President Arbenz protesting for the attack on Radio Internacional, and which had been signed by all the other privately owned radio stations, managers and owners.-----

RADIO PANAMERICANA.-Owner and manager Jaime ~~X~~Paniagua Salvatierra, seems very worried about the latest political events, specially with the appearance of Radio Liberación (the underground Radio Station), no one knows if all this activity is to find some clues about its whereabouts and operators, or just plain fear.

RADIO LA VOZ DE LAS AMERICAS.- This station was bought by 10 of the best radio speakers, with marxist tendencies. They payed \$10,000.00 cash and the balance, at \$1,000.00 a month for one year. A big secret who gave them the money for the purchase. But it is a fact that all local sponsors are cancelling their advertising contracts with them. Their Agent in the U.S.A., Melchor ~~X~~Guzmán in New York, has not given evidence of doing the same thing.---It is rumored that the power will be increased to 5 or 10 kilowatts very soon.-

RADIO BOLIVAR.- This station has also fallen into communist hands. The new director, a member of Congress, Francisco ~~X~~Fernandez Roncea, with the help of Luis ~~X~~Cara a spanish communist and Jorge, a Cuban communist, are giving it a definitely red trend. Both of these communists live at Pension Lux on 11 Calle No. 5-27.- They are also planning to increase the power to 10 kilowatts.-

RADIO INTERNACIONAL.- This station was badly crippled on the night of April the 21st., The spare parts ordered to the U.S.A. have been unduly delayed, and its output decreased to 60%. They are considering the possibility of ordering also the following: 1 tube No. 3X-2,500-F-3, a socket for the same, a conector and a blower 350 c.u. feet per minute with a filament transformer rated at 7.5 volts at 51 amps., to work with the same power that Radio Nuevo Mundo.

Director Jose Monteros has been having a battle of wits with Carlos ~~X~~Alvarado Jerez Director General de Radio difusión, who sent a circular insisting that all political programs should be recorded so that the Minister of Gobernacion, may be acquainted with their contents.---Monteros answered that he had no money to buy

the tape needed for this work, nor a recorder (his was stolen on the night of the assault) so that to relieve him of this obligation he was there and now cancelling the only political program "Noticiero Politico del P.R.G., which is the Party to which this same Minister is boss. A couple hours later he received a note from the secretary of the P.R.G., telling him that "the party had nothing to do with the obligations of the station, and insisted that the contract be continued, and that any way Article No. 37 of Decree No. 372, clearly stated that there were 2 alternatives, either to send a recording to the Dirección General de Radiodifusión or to give a notice 2 hours before the political program was to be transmitted."

Monteros immediately sent another letter to Alvarado Jerez informing him about this, and giving the 2 hours notice. Three days later he received a note from Alvarado Jerez informing him that everything was O.K.---Next day the anti-Communist, who had ceased to send their daily program since the assault, started to send it again. Monteros then sent the notice 2 hours before the program to Alvarado Jerez, and the program is still on the air, and until the contract expires. Alvarado Jerez has not answered this letter yet.-

As a safety measure Monteros rented another office, and moved his recording and office equipment to this new place, leaving on the building of the station only the essentials. He also sent a note to the chief of police informing him about the program being on the air again in order that the vigilance be doubled and also that as a safety measure he had moved away his office equipment. The new address is Edificio Packard 8a Calle Poniente, tercer piso. To add up to his troubles, one of the ace speakers of the station and who had asked for a 15 day leave has been positively identified at the underground station. He speaks every night, secret police have been at the stations looking for him.

So Monteros decided to name señor Luciano ~~Monzon~~ Peulve as new director of Radio Internacional, so that in case he is kicked out of the country, the license for operation of the station is not cancelled for his absence as happened to Radio Continental.

Black Joe.

May 10 1954.-